

DIANE PRITCHARD

Ms. Pritchard has a broad federal and state litigation practice with a focus on complex business disputes, commercial transactions, antitrust, and energy. She has substantial trial experience and has handled numerous appeals in the California Court of Appeal, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court. A representative sample of some of the matters Ms. Pritchard has handled includes:

- Lead counsel for major energy company in antitrust litigation and nationwide class actions involving the natural gas and electricity industries in multidistrict litigation and in state and federal courts in California, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Missouri, Wisconsin, Tennessee, and Kansas, including obtaining summary judgment.
- Successfully defended paper manufacturer in nationwide class actions in multidistrict proceedings and various state courts involving alleged price-fixing cartel in the market for publication paper.
- Represented various energy companies in federal court litigation regarding the California electricity markets.
- Represented agricultural interests in electricity rate allocation proceedings before the California Public Utilities Commission.
- Represented large bookselling chain in litigation brought by national association of independent booksellers involving federal and state antitrust and unfair competition claims.
- Antitrust counseling and advice for major professional association.
- Successfully represented major electronics manufacturers in antitrust litigation regarding standards setting.
- Successfully defended movie studio in unfair competition and copyright claims brought by nationwide association of video rental stores.
- Represented insurance company in class action litigation alleging fraud in the marketing of variable rate premium insurance policies.
- Successfully represented the Governor of Guam before the U.S. Supreme Court in litigation regarding the necessity of a gubernatorial runoff election.
- Successfully represented major computer manufacturer in litigation involving the taxability of computer software operating systems.
- Represented the Chairman of a major Korean conglomerate in intra-familial financial litigation.
- Successfully defended major accounting firm at the trial and appellate court levels in a series of securities class actions.
- Represented developer in land use, regulatory, and environmental challenges to a major commercial and residential real estate development.
- Successfully defended a major public university at the trial and appellate court levels in class action involving its pension plan and early retirement benefits.
- Represented insurer in the trial court and on appeal in numerous environmental coverage actions.
- Represented major securities firm in a series of cases involving broker misconduct.
- Lead trial counsel for major Southern California non-profit organization in probate dispute

- involving bequest.
- Lead trial counsel for partnership in real estate dispute with developer, prevailing in both at trial and in court of appeal.
 - Represented owner of Santa Cruz Island (one of the Channel Islands) in land title dispute with Chumash over title to the island, under Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo of 1848.

Ms. Pritchard received her law degree, cum laude, from New York University School of Law in 1980, where she was Order of the Coif and Editor-in-Chief of the New York University Law Review. Upon graduation, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable James L. Oakes of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Ms. Pritchard received her bachelor's degree, summa cum laude, from Northeastern University in 1975, and a master's degree from Columbia University in 1976.

Ms. Pritchard has previously been a Partner and Of Counsel at Morrison & Foerster LLP (1998-2009), Special Counsel at O'Melveny & Myers LLP (1994-1998), and a Partner at Pritchard, Fields & Jaffe (1987-1994).